Non-official Food Advisory Committees.

*43. [56] **Shri K. V. Krishnankutty Warrier :** Will the Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :

(*a*) do the Government intend to revive and reconstitute non-official food advisory committees on District, Taluk and Village levels ; and

(*b*) what steps do the Government propose to take to enlist the active co-operation of non-official public bodies and organisations in the matter of procurement and distribution of food in the State ?

Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies (**Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon**) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Government have constituted a Central Food Advisory Committee in which non-official members also are included.

Export of Tapioca.

*44. [58] **Shri J. T. Moraes :** Will the Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of tapioca in the form of 1. flour, 2. chips that have been exported from the State in 1953 ;

(*b*) whether they have been exported to other States in India or outside India ; and

(*c*) whether the exported flour and chips are used for food outside or for other purposes ?

Minister for Finance and Civil Supplies (**Shri Panampilli Govinda Menon**) :

(*a*) 1. There is no restriction on the export of tapioca flour from the State and hence it is not possible to ascertain the quantity exported.

2. The ban on the export of tapioca chips is still in force. Hence no quantity has been exported outside the State.

(*b*) As there is no ban on export of tapioca flour, it is not possible to name the places to which the stuff has been exported. As regards chips no export was allowed outside this State.

(*c*) No definite information is available as to the purpose for which tapioca flour was exported. But it is gathered that there is demand for tapioca flour for the use of textile mills and for other industrial purposes.

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